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SUBJECT: GREEK CYPRIOT NEGOTIATOR BLAMES TURKS FOR DEADLOCK IN
TALKS

1. IN SEPTEMBER 25 ARRIVAL STATEMENT UPON HIS RETURN FROM
CONSULTATIONS IN NEW YORK WITH UN SYG WALDHEIM AND TURK
CYPRIOT NEGOTIATOR ONAN, GREEK CYPRIOT NEGOTIATOR PAPADOPOULOS
BLAMED TURKS FOR TALKS' FAILURE AND FOR REFUSING TO SUBMIT
CONCRETE PROPOSALS; OBSERVED THAT THE CONSULTATIONS HAD BEEN
USEFUL IN MAKING CLEAR THAT TURKS HAD RENEGED
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ON COMMITMENTS DURING FIFTH ROUND OF TALKS UNDER BRUSSELS

PROTOCOL; INDIRECTLY CRITICIZED "CERTAIN COUNTRIES" WHICH FELT INSCRIPTION OF CYPRUS PROBLEM ON UN AGENDA WAS UNDESIRABLE; AND OBSERVED THAT GREEK PRIME MINISTER KARAMANLIS, WITH WHOM HE MET PRIVATELY IN ATHENS, HAD AGREED TO GOC HANDLING OF CYPRUS QUESTION IN NEW YORK AND ASSURED GOC OF HIS UNDIMINISHED PERSONAL INTEREST IN UNANIMOUS SUPPORT FOR CYPRUS PEOPLES' STRUGGLE.

2. NEITHER MINCING HIS WORDS NOR EXPOSING HIMSELF TO CRITICISM FOR TRYING TO COVER UP UNSUCCESSFUL OUTCOME OF TALKS (A CHARGE FREQUENTLY MADE AGAINST CLERIDES), PAPADOPOULOS SAID THAT "FAILURE TO FIND A BASIS FOR RESUMPTION OF THE TALKS IS ENTIRELY DUE TO THE TURKISH SIDE, WHICH HAS RENEGED ON ITS COMMITMENT TO SUBMIT CONCRETE PROPOSALS, PARTICULARLY ON THE TERRITORIAL ISSUE, SO THAT IT MAY BE ASCERTAINED WHETHER THERE IS COMMON GROUND FOR REFERRING CERTAIN MATTERS TO SUB-COMMITTEES. VIOLATING ITS CLEAR COMMITMENT THE TURKISH CYPRIOT SIDE MADE IT CLEAR DURING THE CONSULTATIONS THAT IT WAS NOT PREPARED TO MAKE ANY PROPOSALS ON THE TERRITORIAL ISSUE APART FROM THE WELL-KNOWN CRITERIA AND PRINCIPLES CONTAINED IN MR ONAN'S LETTER OF MAY 25, 1976. THESE CRITERIA AND PRINCIPLES ARE NOT ONLY ENTIRELY UNACCEPTABLE TO THE GREEK SIDE, BUT THEY DO NOT EVEN CONSTITUTE PROPOSALS.... THE TURKISH CYPRIOT SIDE INSISTED ON ITS REFUSAL TO UNDERTAKE A COMMITMENT TO MAKE ANY PROPOSALS EITHER AT THE SUB-COMMITTEE STAGE OR DURING THE GENERAL CONSULTATIONS UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE UN SECRETARY GENERAL."

3. REPEATING FAMILIAR CHARGE, PAPADOPOULOS ALSO CLAIMED THAT THAT TURKISH SIDE HAS NEVER INTENDED TO MAKE SUBSTANTIAL TERRITORIAL CONCESSIONS BUT "IS ONLY INTERESTED IN THE MAINTENANCE OF THE PROCEDURE OF THE NEGOTIATIONS IN ORDER TO USE IT AS A SHIELD TO PROTECT ITSELF FROM PRESSURES..."
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